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Director's Meeting

Monday, 21 April 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, Earman

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☐ Mr. Dulles:

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b. Noted that he had discussed with Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker our situation in Italy.

c. Stated that Mr. Bruce had raised the "Laos/Thailand deal" with him and asked where we stood in this matter. Mr. Wisner said that this project was still in its formative stage and, in all probability, there had been preliminary discussions between our people and State on the working level. Mr. Dulles asked Mr. Wisner to direct his people to first clear such preliminary discussions with his (Mr. Wisner's) office.

d. Briefly discussed Gen. Merrill's memorandum of conversation with Chiang Kai-shek and stated that this paper was causing some concern in the Department of State and particularly to Secretary Acheson. After some discussion as to who had prepared questions asked by Merrill to the Generalissimo, Mr. Dulles stated that he had asked Gen. Merrill to come in and talk to him on this matter. Mr. Becker noted that the DCI had directed him to send a copy of this report to Secretary Pace.

Mr. Wisner:

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

b. Noted that Gen. Gruenther would be in Washington on 28 April and had agreed to talk to us concerning war planning in SHAPE. The DCI noted that he had talked to Gen. Gruenther the last time he was here and that he also expected to see him on the above date.

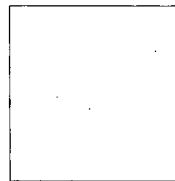
c. Noted that recent intelligence reports on the situation in [redacted] rather ominous and recommended that we touch base with Eddie Miller in State on this matter. The DCI approved and directed that prior to approaching Miller we should [redacted]

Mr. Wolf:

a. Raised the question of employment of [redacted] and, after some discussion, the Director indicated that this matter should be discussed with Mr. Dulles.

b. Raised the question of the desire of some officers of the Armed Forces to resign in order to accept employment with CIA. After some discussion, the Director stated that this problem raised a number of questions and he would discuss this matter with the appropriate authorities in Defense later this week. Mr. Wolf undertook to prepare a paper on this. *S. 4.25.52* *Done*

Mr. Becker noted that he had talked with Chip Bohlen and that he (Bohlen) had already talked to Secretary Pace concerning the [redacted]. The Director noted that as a result of this it would appear there was no further action required on our part.



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